

Evening Prayers

Fourth Presbyterian Church

Eastertide

Beginning April 13, 2020

Liturgy is drawn from “The Simple Evening Liturgy” of the Iona Abbey and from “Common Prayer” by Shane Claiborne and others.

Liturgy for Eastertide Evening Prayers

Mondays thru Saturdays,
Fourth Presbyterian Church
South Boston

6:00pm GATHERING (A time for connecting and meditation)

6:10 OPENING SENTENCES

Call: Peace on each one who comes in need,

Response: Peace on each one who comes in joy.

Call: Peace on each one who offers prayers,

Response: Peace on each one who offers song.

Call: Peace of the Maker, Peace of the Son,

Response: Peace of the Spirit, the Triune One.

(Light the second candle and sing:)

Walk in the light, beautiful light.

Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.

Shine all around us by day and by night.

Jesus, the Light of the World.

***COMMUNITY PRAYER**

Leader: O God, for your love for us, warm and brooding,
which has brought us to birth and opened our eyes to the
wonder and beauty of creation,

ALL: We give you thanks.

**ALL: For your love for us, wild and freeing, which
has awakened us to the energy of creation:**

To the sap that flows,

The blood that pulses,

The heart that sings. We give you thanks

Leader: For your love for us,
Compassionate and patient,
Which has carried us through our pain,
Wept beside us in our sin,
And waited with us in our confusion

ALL: We give you thanks.

**ALL: For your love for us,
Strong and challenging,
Which has called us to risk for you,
Asked for the best in us,
And shown us how to serve. We give you thanks.**

Leader: O God we come to celebrate that your Holy Spirit is present deep within us, and the heart of all life.
Forgive us when we forget your gift of love made known to us in Jesus, and draw us into your presence,
ALL : AMEN

HYMN

SCRIPTURE & REFLECTION

SHARED PRAYERS (We name them out loud, then have a pastoral prayer, then conclude with:

O gracious Light,
Pure brightness of the ever-living God in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

**ALL: Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
And our eyes behold the evening light,
We sing your praises, O God: Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

You are worthy at all times to be praised by our voices,
O Son of God, O giver of life,
Your glory fills the whole world.

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. A-MEN.**

LORD'S PRAYER (within a gathered circle)
BENEDICTION, FOLLOWED BY A PASSING OF THE PEACE

Songs for Eastertide Evening Prayers

BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

COME THOU FONT

Come thou fount of every blessing Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the Mount I'm fixed upon it Mount of Thy redeeming love

ABIDE WITH ME (#836)

Abide with me, fast falls the evening tide,
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL (sing twice)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (2x)

O CHRIST SURROUND ME (#543)

God be the love to search and keep me
God be the prayer to move my voice
God be the strength to now uphold me
O Christ, surround me (2x)

Walking behind to hem my journey
Going ahead to light my way
And from beneath, above, and all ways
O Christ, surround me (2x)

AMAZING GRACE

